

**Matthews Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource Advisory Committee
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes
6:30pm, Zoom Meeting**

Committee Members Present: Howard Labiner, Ryan Maclatchie, Sandi Lee, Debbie Chopas, John Gatlin,
Ryan Maclatchie Susan Chambers, Scott Rossmeisl

Absent: Harvey Boyd

Staff Members Present: Michelle Santucci

- **Call to Order:**
 - Meeting called to order at 6:37pm
- **Roll Call:** Mark Tofano from VFW, and Milady Meadow, Mecklenburg County Regional Rep.
- **Public Comment**
 - Mark Tofano- VFW is making changes to the Veteran's Memorial. Completely funded by the VFW. They plan to fundraise \$50,000 to be on the safe side and that it will cost around 30,000 to complete. Phase 1 is complete with the removal of the trees and bushes. Plastic is on the dirt to protect it from the rain until the plants/trees can be added in October. Construction on the walls and other elements will begin toward the end of August and go through mid-September. Right now the VFW plans "an Open and full production" on Veteran's day. COVID-19 restrictions may change that.
- **Division Reports**
 - Summer camps are coming to an end this week and with all the changes due to COVID everything has gone well and smoothly. New programs and some of our normal programs will be starting back up in September, all with COVID precautions in place.
- **Old Business**
 - **Tourism Grant**

The application for the tourism grant is due on September 28th at 4pm. A subcommittee including, Sandie Lee and Susan Chambers, will meet virtually between September 29th and October 13th to go over the applications. Their recommendations will be presented to the Advisory Committee on October 14th and then to the board on October 26th. The distribution of funds will have to be discussed since so many programs and events are up in the air right now with the COVID restrictions and the not knowing what is going to happen with them.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM